

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER –MAYOR RICHARD S. ANDREWS**

The special meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

Mayor Richard S. Andrews  
Trustee Brian T. Bailey  
Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer  
Trustee Matt Walsh  
Trustee Amy Wittenberg

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration

Dave Brink, Administration Services

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin

Edward R. Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

**NOT PRESENT:**

Trustee Tom Hinshaw

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Andrews stated everyone that was eligible for the electric aggregation program which included residential and small commercial users should have seen the rate reduction on the most recent electric bill for a time period starting sometime in early May unless someone was under contract with an alternative energy supplier or opted out of the Village’s program. Mayor Andrews noted his most recent electric bill reflected the rate reduction.

Mayor Andrews stated the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (M.W.R.D.G.C.) issued a press release earlier in the month notifying the Village of a Federal Flood Relief Application Program deadline of July 9, 2013 in which residents and businesses that sustained flooding damage between April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 5, 2013 may apply for Federal funding assistance. He noted a link was placed on the Village Website with more details about the application process.

Mayor Andrews stated Illinois State Representative Jim Durkin from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District is having a free American Flag exchange program. He noted worn U.S. flags may be exchanged at the local legislative office on 55<sup>th</sup> Street in Western Springs and new flags will be distributed at no cost while supplies last.

## **AGENDA ITEM (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)**

### **1. Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014**

Mayor Andrews stated the continuation of the budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 will be discussed this evening. He noted the budget was previously discussed at some length at the last Board meeting, an executive session was previously held to discuss employee pay raises and that figure (a 2% increase) was included in the budget. Mayor Andrews further stated that Trustee Bailey discussed Public Works, Trustee Walsh discussed Police and Trustees were given until last Friday to submit other additional suggestions with respect to the budget. He noted that information was distributed to the Board, some suggestions were discussed last time, input from the Trustees have been incorporated into a revised budget which now reflects a surplus of \$13,189 and the first draft of the budget had a deficit of about \$90,000 due to having received the Cochise Watermain funds from the year before.

Mayor Andrews stated the Board members received input from each other earlier this week and he asked if the Board has anything new to add. There being no further comments at this time from the Board, Mayor Andrews opened the discussion to the audience.

## **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Andrews summarized the following proposed budget items for the 2013/2014 Village of Indian Head Park Budget. He noted total revenues are \$4,024,806 and 4,082,867 is in the proposed budget because a partial payment was received for the Cochise Watermain grant in last fiscal year. Dave Brink, stated the budget deficit is \$58,000 on paper but if you back out the \$71,250 from the Cochise Watermain Grant received there is a budget surplus of \$13,189. Mayor Andrews stated a budget is not a document the Village is required to pass, the fifty-three (53) years the Board has been around has used a budget as a useful tool, the budget is not a cap on spending nor are they requirements for revenue to be raised but a capital financial plan on how we expect to do this year. Mayor Andrews stated police overtime was discussed last time and that was reduced (\$120,000 for police overtime was proposed and it was reduced by \$10,000). He added as we go along and we hit the overtime amount then something major comes up, police services will continue to be provided. Mayor Andrews pointed out one year the Village had road salt expenses that were five times higher than anticipated due to supplier charges and other expenses were reduced.

Joan Metz, of Arrowhead Court, asked if the revised draft budget is on-line. Dave Brink responded, yes. He noted the first draft of the budget is also on the Website.

Carol Coleman, of Acacia Circle, stated the two budgets on line do not have draft one and draft two. Dave Brink stated the bottom of page one (a) of the revised shows the amount of \$4,082,867. Carol Coleman stated there was an increase in plan review consulting fees this fiscal year and she asked if those were development expenses. Dave Brink stated there was an increase in plan review expenses due to increased permit activity, there also was an increase in revenue from building permits as well and the amount fluctuates from year to year based on the number of remodeling projects, other permits and redevelopment projects.

Carol Coleman, of Acacia Circle, asked how many false alarm calls are there and what are the charges for false alarms. Chief Alonzo stated someone is allowed three false alarms in a year and after that the fee is \$100.00.

Tim Kyzivat, of Stonehearth Lane, asked if the proposed budget is a bare bones budget or are there some things included that would be on a wish list that if the budget is tight we can cut back on some of those items to possibly balance the budget at the end of the year. Mayor Andrews stated there are some items such as maintenance on the well at the pump house at about \$35,000 that was initially in the budget and discussed last time. It was decided that the well maintenance could be postponed for now but will need to be done at some point. Mayor Andrews further stated the Board also discussed some items that are policy decisions and until the Board changes that policy there are certain things that need to be funded. Mayor Andrews stated previously there was some discussion regarding snowplowing and salting and whether to cut that service off at a certain time, as Mayor he wants to continue to provide snowplowing and salting as the Village is accustomed to as best we can and there will be no cut backs if it is 4:30 p.m. on a Friday and it snows overnight with eleven inches of snow for the staff to wait to come back on Monday to clear the roads. He notes there are certain situations that may arise that would result in expenses over the budgeted amount but there are also items that are budgeted that we may not need to spend. Mayor Andrews stated there are computers budgeted in the Public Works and Police Departments but if there are unexpected expenses somewhere else, the budgeted funds for computers could be used for that purpose if the money was not spent or possibly buy cheaper ones or delay the purchase to another year.

Tim Kyzivat, of Stonehearth, stated sometimes a budget is balanced to a point that is unrealistic but it does not seem like that is the Village's situation.

Mayor Andrews stated the past six years as Village President he has been conservative on behalf of the Village when it comes to fiscal matters and he would rather have a higher amount budgeted and expect to come in no higher than that figure to try to manage a budget. He noted if a lower number is budgeted, for example, \$60,000 for police overtime that may not be a realistic number.

Mayor Andrews stated if we forego infrastructure repairs, that does catch up. Mayor Andrews stated he spoke with Trustee Hinshaw previously, his input was received and discussion was about costs of watermain breaks. Mayor Andrews stated sometimes streets need to be dug out to repair watermain breaks and at the time he believed street repairs came out of the street fund and watermain breaks came out of the water fund. He noted this is not the case and that all watermain breaks come out of the water fund.

Chris Metz, of Arrowhead Court, stated that if a budget is not necessary and required by law, how come the special meeting and budget revisions were not available until Tuesday morning on line and why not review the revisions in a regular Board meeting. Mayor Andrews stated the next Board meeting is not until July and the Board needs to pass the appropriations ordinance as required by law. He noted the appropriations ordinance amounts are based on the budget amounts. Dave Brink stated the draft appropriations ordinance would be on-line on the Website on Monday and available for inspection, as required ten (10) days before the meeting.

Trustee Wittenberg stated \$10,000 was taken out of the budget for police overtime. She asked if the Village has police coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Trustee Walsh stated he has been working with Chief Alonzo on the police overtime and the Village will continue to provide police protection, part-time officers are also utilized efficiently as needed and he hopes to have further cuts in overtime if possible. Chief Alonzo pointed out that there is a collective bargaining agreement the Village is committed to for the full-time officers and there are some blanks where there is no one working, each full-time officer has a chance to pick two days first, then part-time officers can pick days.

John Corcoran, of Apache Drive, asked if there is a list of the substantial budget changes that have been made from the previous versions of the budget. Dave Brink stated there is a short list because not much was discussed last time. He noted \$30,000 for a police squad was moved to fiscal year 2014/2015, \$10,000 was reduced in police overtime, when the budget was being prepared a person at S.E.A.S.P.A.R. stated there would be no change in the Village's contribution from

last year. However, there was a \$3,500 decrease in the S.E.A.S.P.A.R. line item due to the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV); the well maintenance of \$35,000 was removed. Dave Brink stated those are the reductions in the budget from draft one to draft two and the salaries were updated from the Board's approval of a 2% increase from the last executive session.

John Corcoran stated he is an accountant, fundamentally a cash basis budget is proposed, there is a \$94,000 depreciation in the public works budget, the budget does not reflect what the Village is consuming, the Village is consuming another year of wear and tear on the streets, another year of wear and tear on the sewer and water systems and everything down to the light bulbs. He noted without that cost being reflected in the budget there really is no balanced budget but a cash spending plan that will not deplete our resources but we continue to dig a hole in terms of infrastructure and what is really needed is a cost to run the Village for a year over a ten to fifteen year period. Frank Alonzo stated he is working with public works trustees to create a list.

Joan Metz asked if the Board did anything with the leaf pick-up program or anything different with uniforms for public works. Mayor Andrews stated a leaf program was not added back to the budget and there is no change to the uniform budget for public works this year. He noted the leaf program will be a policy decision and uniforms are a benefit to employees that will be discussed at the Board level to decide whether or not to cut that expense.

Anne Bermier, of Stonehearth, stated that the Board could contact the Illinois Department of Commerce to determine if there are any grant funds available for a leaf program. Mayor Andrews asked if there is a certain person to contact to inquire about grant funding. Anne Bermier stated she would try to find out who to talk to at the Department of Commerce.

Jake Wittenberg, of Timber Ridge Court, stated as a follow up to Mr. Corcoran's questions there does seem to be a significant amount of capital expenses in terms of revenues that will have to be addressed. He noted the Mayor did shed some light on the fact at some point we are going to have to off-set expenses and take care of things that need to be taken care of such as wells and streets. Jake Wittenberg stated how we cut discretionary spending, offer some kind of bonds or other to raise revenue needs to be discussed because the current budget situation shows that maybe one or two streets could be done at a time but not the entire system. Jake Wittenberg stated that all the trustees should talk about what can be done to free up cash to survey the system.

Mayor Andrews stated the Board has discussed how to come up with cash not only to run the Village day to day but year to year. He noted there are capital projects and streets that have been put off for a while partly due to a bad economy. Mayor Andrews further stated last year when the Board sought to increase revenue to the Village, the one issue that was repeated was the longer you delay the more it will cost. He noted bills need to be paid, the Village needs to operate and each year we are getting by one year to the next. Mayor Andrews stated when he reviewed the audited financial statements in 2008 (the first year he was Mayor), the General Corporate Fund was a negative -\$589,000, the next year the deficit improved to negative -\$520,000, in 2010 the deficit was down to negative -\$362,000 and 2011 the deficit was down to negative -\$62,000 and ending April 30, 2012 the General Fund was actually in the positive +\$95,000. Mayor Andrews stated that he and the previous Board turned the financial situation around over the past six years, it is an accomplishment and we had to forego many things to get to that point to have a cash flow in the General Fund. He noted former Mayor Pellegrino had to find out around Christmas one year that there would not be enough money in the bank to pay bills and a short term loan needed to be set up. Mayor Andrews pointed out we still need one more officer, employees had three years with no pay raises and streets have not been paved.

Joan Metz, of Arrowhead Court, stated she disagrees with some of the statements that we have cut to the bone, health insurance is provided to the Mayor, she would volunteer for Smoke Signals if that cannot be completed within someone's job description, the three new Trustees partly ran on the idea that they would not collect a salary or stipend and she asked if that would be back in the budget. Frank Alonzo stated it is back in the budget because it cannot be taken out of the budget according to law. Joan Metz stated that is \$9,000 that can be turned back to put in the budget because they are not taking it. Counsel Ramello stated the Illinois Constitution as well as the Illinois Municipal Code does not allow elected officials compensation whether it be the Mayor or Trustees to be changed during their term of office. He noted any change in compensation would only have to take effect after the next election, the Board would have to pass an ordinance changing that compensation and it would only be effective after the next election. Joan Metz asked how the Mayor of LaGrange did not take a salary for the first year. Counsel Ramello stated he is not familiar what the Mayor of LaGrange is doing and he may be donating it back as was suggested in a memo to the trustees if they decided to do that. Joan Metz stated she recalled other people's pay was changed while they were in office, including Mayor Andrews and she asked for clarification.

Counsel Ramello stated he is not aware of compensation being changed while in office. Joan Metz stated at some point the Mayor did not get \$4,000 or \$6,000 and she believes Mayor Pellegrino did not get it. Mayor Andrews stated the health care reimbursement is paid to the local liquor commissioner, which by Illinois Statute happens to be the Village President, an ordinance was passed in the year 2000 by the Board at that time, it is not health insurance through the Village it is a reimbursement for health insurance paid by the liquor commissioner who also is the gaming commissioner. Joan Metz stated how do we go about changing that, would it be a referendum and we have not really cut to the bone. Mayor Andrews stated it would be discussed by the Board whether they decide to keep it or repeal it at the end of the next election. Counsel Ramello stated changes would take effect as the new trustees or president takes office.

Trustee Wittenberg stated the Board talked about putting a wish list item off and from her perspective as a new trustee there are certain policy issues regarding the budget creation process which she discussed with Mayor Andrews, Frank Alonzo and Dave Brink. Trustee Wittenberg further stated that we cannot do anything about policy wish list items right now because those issues have to be changed by the Board and voted upon by the consensus of the Board in order to be changed. She suggested the creation and review process of the budget needs to improve, communication needs to improve, the review process needs to improve, there is no formalized budget framework, there is no schedule other than a general schedule planning process that she provided to Frank Alonzo from another Village to use as a framework for a budget planning council. Trustee Wittenberg stated that she is formally requesting that in the near future a formal agenda item be discussed to delineate a new budget creation and review process and understanding who will be responsible for this item.

Trustee Wittenberg requested that Mayor Andrews and the Village Board create a finance committee to be part of the fiduciary process and to formally request that this item be placed on the August Board meeting agenda with a plan to be presented to define the finance committee, to define the process for applications, to define a process to interview, evaluate and select a finance committee. Trustee Wittenberg stated that she also requested a professional services purchasing audit from Frank Alonzo to review the current contracts and use of all professional service contracts the Village has and what arrangements are made with those vendors, a monthly summary of hours and work performed for the Village. She noted the legal services agreement does not have any detail of an hourly report and the same with engineering and other professional service agreements.



Trustee Wittenberg stated she is requesting to look into an ordinance to alter the dollar amount that can be spent without Village Board approval. She noted currently any capital item expense up to \$20,000 does not need to be voted upon by the Village Board and asked that this item be placed on an agenda in the near future. Trustee Wittenberg further stated that she is requesting that the Mayor and Village Board receive a report on options to refinance the current loan that we began principal payments on this year which was close to \$90,000 on an obligation that if the Board was provided with refinance options last year, there may not be principal payments of \$90,000 this year.

Trustee Wittenberg stated that she would provide, if needed, a list of the policy wish list items discussed this evening. Mayor Andrews asked if Trustee Wittenberg could provide a list of the items she discussed this evening. Mayor Andrews stated that he would add the topic of a finance committee on the August agenda for discussion by the Board. Trustee Wittenberg stated that discussion needs to be continued on the items requested to be placed on future agendas to start working on policy issues.

Trustee O'Laughlin stated that Trustee Hinshaw is not present but asked that she read the following information into the record: *"I am very sorry that I am not able to attend this meeting to talk about what is going on in Village government. I take my elected position as Trustee for the Village as a representative of the community and they have told me how they feel. I believe setting a budget and passing an appropriations ordinance is important and at the top of the list. I am disappointed on how the budget process has unfolded since being elected. As a new Trustee, I ask the president and village manager for a meeting to help the new trustees get ramped up on the budget. I ask for a town hall type meeting for the entire community to have more time and opportunity to participate with comments and questions. I volunteer to be a part of a draft budget creation process. I was told no in my request and was also told that the normal June and July Board meeting schedule would be good enough to get the job done. I scheduled my summer vacation around the regular scheduled meetings and the new surprise meeting tonight means the whole budget process for the Village is being pushed in a thirty day window. We got the first draft budget on 5/27 and tonight it is a vote on what may be the most important job as a Board. With the way the budget process has been managed, with an extremely short window for the Board and community to have any input for the deficit for the future budget year without any sort of plan to accompany the deficit with certain areas that I feel we could have cut more from the Village on-going yearly expenses in what I see as a loss of potential revenue for the Village.*

*If I were there voting in person, I would vote no to the budget as presented. I will see everyone in July. Sincerely, Tom Hinshaw.”*

Trustee O’Laughlin asked if the street light electricity is part of the electric aggregation program. Frank Alonzo stated the electric aggregation program is only for residential and small business customers. Trustee O’Laughlin stated that she also sent an e-mail to Frank Alonzo regarding the \$250.00 trustee salary compensation, she does not want to go against the Village ordinance and is not asking to raise or lower the salary but she is just not going to accept the money or fill out any W4 form. Trustee Wittenberg stated that she also will not accept the trustee compensation or fill out a W4 form. Mayor Andrews stated he is not sure of the ramifications and his understanding is that the law requires us to make that payment and also to make any deductions as required by law such as social security, F.I.C.A. or any employer matching contributions to the \$250.00 stipend.

Trustee Wittenberg stated feedback was provided by counsel on the trustee compensation matter so if there is something else to follow up on, please let the Board know.

Carol Coleman, of Acacia Circle, stated in Mr. Hinshaw’s letter that Trustee O’Laughlin read revenue was mentioned. She asked if there are any new revenue ideas from the trustees that could be shared with the audience because if we do not have money we cannot spend it. Carol Coleman stated that in order to do any infrastructure projects and pay the money back there needs to be revenue. Mayor Andrews stated that Trustee Hinshaw mentioned that he believed a fairly high percentage of Village residents do not buy vehicle stickers maybe as high as 20% to 40% and if the Village were to crack down hard enough we would be able to realize additional revenue from scofflaws. Mayor Andrews stated we are aware that people avoid buying stickers but there are limits to what the police can do but it would be a significant amount of revenue if the percentage is that high for those not buying them. Mayor Andrews stated he is not aware of records that show all vehicles that have stickers and those that do not for a number of reasons. Mayor Andrews stated that Trustee Hinshaw also suggested restoring the leaf pick-up program that would be an expenditure of about \$30,000, he believes there would be about 200 people that might do it on a subscription basis at about \$40.00 per year and that would net \$8,000 per year increase in revenue. Mayor Andrews stated he is not sure if it is possible to sell services to just certain individuals, it is a revenue idea and there would still be an expense.

Mayor Andrews stated there are policy matter items that were discussed but those cutbacks would not be considered a net increase in revenue but a decrease in expenses. Mayor Andrews stated decreases in the trustee compensation stipend or uniforms for employees does not enhance revenue above what has been predicted in the budget. Mayor Andrews stated the Board rode out the recession the last few years but in 2008 the Village undertook a review of all business license fees and so forth because it had not been done since 2003 so there was an increase in those fees across the board and with the help of counsel it is nicely compacted in one section of the municipal code. He noted maybe there are some things that could be increased again to bring in more revenue. Mayor Andrews stated that Trustee Hinshaw talked about if water and sewer is not self sufficient then perhaps water rates could be increased to cover those expenses. Carol Coleman stated that increasing the water rate would only impact a certain part of the Village because some residents receive water from the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District. Mayor Andrews stated if water and sewer rates are raised to the 80% of the residents that receive water from Indian Head Park with those revenues to use for general activity to benefit 100% of the community is not fair.

Mayor Andrews stated that video gaming revenues are now also coming into the Village since November of last year and those revenues are projected in the budget. He noted there was one other business establishment that had interest in a gaming license and that would bring in more revenue but it may not be enough to pave a street.

Jake Wittenberg stated he is not familiar with Trustee Hinshaw's ideas because he was not present at the last meeting. He asked if Trustee Hinshaw's idea was to raise water rates to only cover offsetting the cost to maintain the water/sewer system and the money would not be contributing to roads or the general fund. Jake Wittenberg stated that it would only be fair to raise the rates to those using the system. Mayor Andrews stated Mr. Hinshaw suggested if the water and sewer system was not self sufficient then water rates be raised.

Tim Kyzivat, of Stonehearth, stated he recalled the City of Chicago planned to increase the water rates to Indian Head Park two or three times over the next couple of years so that would put an undue burden on the residents by adding more to the cost of water. He further stated previously the Village Board strongly supported home rule last time it was proposed and he asked the Board their idea whether to pursue that again.

Trustee Wittenberg stated that she would like to look at all alternatives, to have a townhall meeting to discuss these matters and all other ideas and options about revenue creation. Tim Kyzivat asked Trustee Wittenberg if she is in favor of home rule that would give the Village the ability to raise money from non-residents as well as residents. Trustee Wittenberg stated the Village now collects a 1% utility tax from gas and electric, we also collect a 1% liquor tax as a non-home rule community and are already collecting taxes from non-residents for purchases so whether there is home rule or not the first priority is fix the policy issues about the current finances that were discussed. Trustee Wittenberg stated if there is a road plan and an infrastructure plan that she is putting together with Ed Santen and Trustee Bailey a price tag for all of things is needed. She noted at the last meeting there was a lengthy discussion that there is no plan and a plan is needed on how to cover costs for infrastructure, water, sewer and other expenses whether it be through raising money through getting bonds. Trustee Wittenberg stated Mayor Andrews mentioned the Village potentially has the capability of getting about 12 million dollars in bonds for infrastructure or maybe there will only be one other option, one possibly to go out for another referendum. She noted that during the campaign people said they would pay for a specific referendum for infrastructure if they knew specifically what the money was going to be used for and people would prefer that rather than home rule. Trustee Wittenberg stated if we all go through this tenacious process to figure it out together what money is needed for water, sewer and a bucket list of other items then it can be determined whether to go out for a referendum or the best thing to do for the future.

Tim Kyzivat stated the referendum was voted down previously. Trustee Wittenberg stated the referendum was voted down because residents did not feel confident the Village had a plan and if there was a plan that was well communicated, residents would have voted for it. Tim Kyzivat stated there were three things specifically mentioned in the last referendum, police protection, road repairs and general fund to help with the debt certificate financing. Trustee Wittenberg stated the last plan in public works for capital projects was eight years ago and residents are asking for a plan, we may disagree on some elements of a plan but there must be a consensus on the plan to go out and support it to the citizens for a referendum if we need the money. Trustee Wittenberg stated that she personally does not think that home rule is the best idea for the Village but will remain open to all ideas and opinions and once there is a policy, a plan and wish list of projects all of it can be discussed with residents.

Trustee Wittenberg stated as John Corcoran mentioned the Village assets are not appropriately depreciated, there is no asset management strategy and that would not be accepted in the private industry. She added street lights, the water system, pavement and other assets need to be assessed.

Trustee O'Laughlin stated that she concurs with Trustee Wittenberg's comments that until we have the full picture and all the information it cannot be determined whether the Board wants home rule or not or whether a referendum is needed. Trustee O'Laughlin stated that it is not what she feels but what the residents would like to do after all the information is provided.

Anne Bermier, of Stonehearth, stated she did read in the paper that the Mayor of LaGrange did not want his salary but in one of the local newspapers he said he would wait and analyze it because he is spending money on gas to go to meetings with other officials in the community and paying for dinners.

John Corcoran asked who is responsible for keeping an eye on building permits and if the police watch for activity to make sure a permit is displayed. Chief Alonzo stated the police keep an eye on activity in town and they check with the building department for issues that come up and a few jobs in town had stop work orders for no permits. Mr. Corcoran asked if there is any reason why people cannot be given a warning for not buying vehicle stickers or any reason why we cannot publish a list of registered vehicles that do not have village stickers. Chief Alonzo stated the list would generally not be published with names and addresses because some things are private.

Mary Uhrina, of Arrowhead Court, stated it seems the department of motor vehicles would be able to provide a list of all vehicles registered in Indian Head Park. Chief Alonzo stated the Village does obtain a list from the Secretary of State of registered vehicles, a warning letter could be sent to those that do not buy a sticker, a ticket cannot be mailed, the list is sent to the Police Department after the deadline date and it would be a policy decision by the Board whether to have stops in the Village to check for vehicle stickers or how to enforce it.

Trustee Schnauffer stated that he personally wanted to thank Frank Alonzo and Dave Brink for their time, effort and work on the budget.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the revised budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, as presented.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the revised budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, as presented. Carried by roll call vote (4/1/1).

Aye: Trustees Bailey, O'Laughlin, Schnaufer, Walsh,

Nay: Trustee Wittenberg

Absent: Trustee Hinshaw

## **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Trustee Walsh stated video recording the meeting is a great idea and because there may be some privacy issues with recordings, he recommended that a notification to the public be announced that meetings will be recorded. He stated that he would be willing to donate a camera so that there is an official copy with that record of the meetings that can be posted on the website so there are not several copies of recordings that can be edited. Mayor Andrews stated he has no objections to an official recording of the meetings.

Joan Metz suggested the video be placed on the cable access channel. Trustee Walsh stated the Board needs to review the logistics of that because everyone in the Village may not get the cable access channel. Joan Metz stated not everyone has access to the website either.

Mayor Andrews stated that he and Dave Brink looked at options for the cable access channel because it was only available to Comcast subscribers. Dave Brink mentioned that A T & T now has some technology requirements to get the access channel on A T & T U-verse and one requirement they had was the Village needed to buy a \$10,000 air-conditioning unit with a special rack housing for firewall protection in the office that houses the computer equipment. Dave Brink stated he is willing to look into the option again to find out about options for the cable access channel.

Jake Wittenberg stated we have a very generous Village and he asked if the Village could develop a wish list of items such as low cost office supplies and small things people would need that someone might want to donate to save money in the budget. He stated that if the list is posted January 1<sup>st</sup> and we need to get these items by January 30<sup>th</sup> and if not, an amount will be appropriated for it. Mayor Andrews stated anyone can make donations to the Village such as the Indian Head Park Woman's Club that makes donations to the Heritage Center. Anne Bermier stated that Burr Ridge said they could not afford radios for squad cars, a request was put out to residents and they received the money.

Jake Wittenberg stated that there are many ways to find money for projects on-line and he is only suggesting a list of office supply items that are needed on a donation list and possibly an on-line fund raising project could be held to use for those purposes. Mayor Andrews stated it is worth looking into and the Board can discuss it further.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to adjourn the special Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary